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Rest Areas to Close in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties

Inland Empire - Effective Friday, September 24, 2010, Caltrans District 8 will be forced to close Safety Roadside Rest Areas (SRRA) in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. All SRRAs, with the exception of two, will be closed indefinitely. As there is currently not an enacted State budget, the Department is unable to fund the contract for water testing at the facilities.

Water testing is necessary to maintain safe drinking water to the public who utilize the rest areas.

The rest areas to be closed are:

- I-10 White Water SRRA
- I-10 Brookside SRRA
- I-10 Cactus City SRRA
- I-15 Valley Wells SRRA
- I-15 Clyde V. Kane SRRA
- I-40 John Wilkie SRRA
- I-40 Desert Oasis SRRA

The two rest areas that will remain open are Wiley Wells Rest Area on Interstate 10 in Blythe and Wildwood Rest Area on Interstate 10 in Yucaipa. The water for these rest areas is supplied from a municipal source.

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